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Presidents Message

By Ron Ferris

GSPCI members: 2010 started with a very cold first weekend for the Youth and Lady's annual hunt. Several young folks and ladies turned out to brave the elements and had a great time shooting pheasant at the Barnes Hunting Preserve in Spearsville In. The following weekend at Mr Barnes', the Annual Fun Hunt went well with 22 dogs running for the fastest time. This event was won for the second year in a row by Brad Wise. Being young and having long legs has it's advantages. The third weekend was the annual meeting and election of officers and directors. Results were Ron Ferris Pres, Larry Harris VP, Debbie Moline Sec. Directors elected were Tim Conley, Brad Wise, Steve Hammond, Troy Woods, Dave Tharp, Lisa Cleveland, Matt Sanders, Hilary Goodnight, Giles Hoyt. As always, we officers and directors appreciate and welcome member input to help us make the organization stronger and beneficial to everyone. Next on the 2010 agenda was the Indy Classic Show. Entries were down this year due in part to the economy and being just prior to the Westminster Dog Show. Results are following in this newsletter. The Boat, Sport, Travel Show in mid February saw surprisingly large numbers of people attending. The Club put on 5 demonstrations during the first weekend. Thanks to Andy Giegold for sharing his expertise on how to start and train your dog and fielding many questions from the crowd. Steve Hammond's Buford and Chief and Lisa Cleveland's Rosie did a great job pointing and backing and retrieving for the crowd. Stephanie Stout gave an excellent demonstration on search and rescue and cadaver location with her dog, Maggie. I on the other hand did my usual BS on the qualities, history and versatility of the GSP with Arko or Kira at my side. Chris Snyder and Troy Wood assisted with the demos. Thanks to all of the members who manned the GSPCI booth during the rest of the BSTS. 15 club members braved the rain and mud to come out to my farm to train the second week in March. Rain and mud didn't deter us from running 22 dogs in braces of two to simulate a hunt test.

Andy then spent time with each individual working on the dog's weak spots. Thank goodness I had a tractor available to literally drag everyone up the lane and on to solid ground after the bottom dropped out of the 40yr old lane to the pond area. The hunt test, although down in numbers was successful with many dogs passing and everyone happy. Sat weather was great while Sun had some rough spots with some spotty rain. Andy Giegold, Doug Featherston, Eddie Manifold and Mark Holzinger did a great job judging and the first time handlers appreciated their helpful attitudes. Even with the low numbers of dogs, the Club still made a nice profit. We thank Eddie for the free use of his horse, John Kennedy for food donation and Andy for returning his judges gift card. This saved the Club several dollars and helped with the profits. Our new secretary, Debbie did a great job handling the paperwork. Many thanks to the bird planters and everyone who worked so well to make this a successful event. After this newsletter comes out, the directors will be meeting to plan the summer events which will include a picnic, shooting 5 stand or sporting clays and training sessions as birds become available. As always, the board welcomes comments and suggestions from the membership. Please feel free to contact any of the board members at anytime. Communications to the membership will be primarily by email so check your mail occasionally. Have a safe and productive summer with your best buddy. At this time, Lisa Cleveland is working to get Jon Hahn from Perfection Kennels to come back to In to present a seminar again. If she gets him committed, I highly recommend everyone attend as I consider Jon one of the best trainers I have ever seen. He is very good at reading a dog and trains each one as an individual, not cookbook like so many trainers. If you have caused your dog a problem, he can probably show you how to fix it. If Lisa can confirm a date, you will be notified via email.

-Thanks, Ron Ferris, Pres

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Gun Dog Challenge

On January 16th, 2010, 17 participants and several spectators braved the mud and melting for the 2nd annual GSPCI Club Dog Challenge. Although the competition was close, Brad Wise and Liesl won the event with a time of 3:54. This beat Brad and Jaeger's winning time from last year of 4:20. This gave Liesl bragging rights in the kennel and she is still carrying her head and tail a little higher. There was some talk in the gallery that Brad may have broken his own rules by running to the last bird, but the field judge ruled that it was just a really fast walk. The group enjoyed fried chicken and chili as well as good natured competition. Thanks to everyone who helped judge in the field and plant the birds. It made everything go very well. A special thanks to Steve Hammond for bringing his 4-wheeler even though we did not end up needing it. Steve had a little trouble with the mud when he was leaving and Mr. Barnes had to pull him out with his tractor. I think he is still washing the mud off of his truck. If you get a chance to visit Mr. Barnes' preserve this fall, please do. He has been a great host for our youth hunt and the club dog challenge and I know he would appreciate your business.

Please plan on coming out for 3rd annual challenge and help prevent Brad from getting a three-peat. (Editor's note: I currently have my last two shell hulls at the FBI lab at Quantico. They are testing for tampering by Mr. Wise.)

Spring 2010 Hunt Test

Qualifying Scores for Saturday, March 27, 2010	Qualifying Scores for Sunday, March 28, 2010
<u>Masters:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BISS DC AFC Red Oak Totem from SnowRidge, JH, AXJ, AX, OF "Dart"• Adventure Bound's Jammin Hank JR "Hank"	<u>Masters:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adventure Bound's Jammin Hank JR "Hank"
<u>Seniors:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feather Hill's Lucky Liesl "Liesl"• MarsPorts Faugh A Ballaugh "Trace"• Salt Creek's Long Tall Sally "Sally"	<u>Seniors:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feather Hill's Lucky Liesl "Liesl"
<u>Juniors:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flower Creek 16th & Georgetown "Indy Marie"• Ken's Disengaged Bullet "Gage"• CH Nani's Versa Ice Breaker "Dice"• Axis Vom Ferronahus "Axis"• CH Tahari's Magic Moment "Maverick"• Clinton Oaks RA-Horus-Aten "Aten"• Anja Vom Ferronhaus "Roxanne"• Branham's Levi vom Gerstener "Levi"	<u>Juniors:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Red Rio's Coco "Coco"• Branham's Levi vom Gerstener "Levi"• Ken's Disengaged Bullet "Gage"• CH Nani's Versa Ice Breaker "Dice"• Flower Creek 16th & Georgetown "Indy Marie"• Anja vom Ferronhaus "Roxanne"• Axis vom Ferronhaus "Axis"• Twinhearts Hot 'N' Spicy CD RAE OA OAJ NJP NF CGC "Keegan"• Chimera's Wind and Rain "Rain"• Ariel vom Ferronhaus "Ariel"• Ryne vom Wrightthiem "Ryne"

Happenings and Brags

Sandy Creek is thrilled to announce that Ch Sandy Creek's Point of Interest owned by Donna and Don Bush of Colorado acquired her last leg towards her Master Hunter title at the Gordon Setter Club of America Hunt Test on April 3, 2010 in Colorado. "Sascha" was totally trained and handled by Donna Bush. Our sincere gratitude and admiration to Donna. Donna and Sascha are an awesome pair.

Sascha was bred by Claire J. Slagle. Her Sire is 2xNSS Prairiestar's Maverick and her Dam is Ch Sandy Creek's Sable Sinfonie. Congratulations to Sascha and Donna!!



Eagle River Kennels (Debbie & Brittany Moline) CH Mikarma N Honeybriar Indian Oulaw CGC finished her show championship at 17 months with 3 majors at the Indianapolis shows. All owner handled by Debbie. She also won BOB her first time in the breed ring in Ft. Walton Beach Florida handled by Debbie (picture attached) CH Fieldfines Lights Camera Action RN CGC finished her RN title at the Indianapolis show handled by Debbie. Fieldfine American Dream JH RA CGC finished her Rally Advanced title at the Indianapolis shows handled by Debbie.



CH Argosy Von Montgomerycreek MH,RN (**Argo**) owned by Casie Conley took Second Place while Commando Vom Montgomerycreek MH (**Chief**) owned by Mary Lou Hammond, took Third Place on C-Field @ the NSTRA Field Trial @ Conservation Bird Dog Club in Amo IN on March 14th 2010. This was Argo's third NSTRA placement & Chief's first!



Austin vom Ferronhaus, winners dog at Indiana's Specialty



Editors Closing Note

We realize that it has been awhile since the last newsletter. Life has a way of getting in the way of commitments some days. We hope everyone stays cool this summer and always remember: an outhouse can be full of "it" or a teenager with a cell phone. I'll take the "it".

Matt and Vicki Sanders



